

Senate Resolution 1116

By: Senator Harp of the 29th

A RESOLUTION

1 To create the Senate Study Committee on Guaranteed Admission to the University System
2 of Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia has many bright and talented students graduate in the top
4 10 percent of their high school classes each year; and

5 WHEREAS, the competition for admission to the colleges and universities that comprise the
6 University System of Georgia is stiff and sometimes overwhelming; and

7 WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the State of Georgia to ensure that our best and
8 brightest students remain in Georgia and provide this state with the benefit of their
9 knowledge and intellect; and

10 WHEREAS, one suggestion to achieve this end is to guarantee the top 10 percent of
11 graduates from each high school each year admission to the University System of Georgia
12 college or university of their choice; and

13 WHEREAS, programs such as this have been used by other states, but questions remain
14 concerning such programs including whether such programs are in the best interests of the
15 students who may not be prepared for the rigors of higher education at some of these colleges
16 and universities and whether the colleges and universities can adapt to this type of
17 admissions program without harming their educational mission; and

18 WHEREAS, this concept is certainly worthy of serious study and review to determine if it
19 would be workable in Georgia and whether it would be beneficial to Georgia students.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that there is created the Senate
21 Study Committee on Guaranteed Admission to the University System of Georgia to be

1 composed of five members of the Senate to be appointed by the Senate Committee on
2 Assignments. The Senate Committee on Assignments shall designate a member of the
3 committee as chairperson of the committee. The chairperson shall call all meetings of the
4 committee.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the above
6 issues and recommend any actions or legislation that the committee deems necessary or
7 appropriate. The committee may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as
8 it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers,
9 perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The
10 committee is authorized to travel outside the State of Georgia to observe and investigate the
11 manner in which other states address the issues before the committee. The members of the
12 committee shall receive the allowances authorized for legislative members of interim
13 legislative committees but shall receive the same for not more than ten days unless additional
14 days are authorized. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall
15 come from the funds appropriated to the Senate. In the event that the committee makes a
16 report of its findings and recommendations with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any,
17 such report shall be made on or before December 31, 2006. The committee shall stand
18 abolished on December 31, 2006.